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SUBJECT: SPAIN COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR NASA (JSC) PORTER AND  
CORNWELL

REF: STATE 92652

1. Embassy welcomes and grants country clearance to Stephen  
V. Porter and John D. Cornwell, from the NASA Johnson Space  
Center, to travel to Madrid, May 28-June 2, to meet with the  
Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer Collaboration on the Alpha  
Magnetic Spectrometer Thermal Working Group Formulation.

2. Embassy understands that no assistance is necessary.

3. Visitors are reminded that bearers of diplomatic and  
official passports coming to Spain on official business need  
to obtain a Spanish visa prior to arrival to Spain.

4. THREAT ASSESSMENT:

In general, Spain is safe. However, Madrid, Barcelona and  
other large cities in Spain --including resort/convention  
areas such as Benidorm-- attract a large number of criminals  
and pickpockets and frequent incidents of crime of  
opportunity against the unwary do occur. Carry only  
essential items including a photocopy of your passport's  
photo page. Visitors can protect themselves against crime by  
being street-smart, alert and aware of their surroundings.  
In the event you are victimized by crime, or experience any  
security-related incident, please contact the Embassy's  
Regional Security Office at 91-587-2550 or after hours at  
91-587-2355. Official visitors to the Embassy in Madrid or  
the Consulate General in Barcelona are encouraged to receive  
a security briefing from the RSO office at their earliest  
convenience. Additional information regarding safety and  
security in Spain is available on the U.S. Department of  
State's website ([www.embusa.es](http://www.embusa.es)).

Travelers are encouraged to review the most recent Worldwide  
Caution issued by the Department of State. As the Department  
of State continues to develop information on any potential  
security threats to Americans overseas, it shares credible  
threat information through its Consular Information Program  
documents, available on the Internet at  
<http://travel.state.gov>. In addition to information on the  
Internet, U.S. travelers can hear recorded information by  
calling the Department of State in Washington, D.C. at  
202-647-5225 from their touch-tone telephone, or receive  
information by automated telefax by dialing 202-647-3000 from  
their fax machine.

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